

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
In person & via Zoom/Telephone

DATE: MARCH 14, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RICHARD MEYER COMMUNITY RESOURCE ROOM
4311 JACKSON STREET, OSHKOSH

PRESENT: BILL WINGREN
TOM ELLIS
PAUL EISEN
MIKE BRUNN
VICKI SCHORSE

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S
QIAUNA ROSS – SHERIFF'S
LARA VENDOLA-MESSER – SHERIFF'S
ERIC RASMUSSEN – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
CHERYL BREHMER – CORONER
JIM WISE – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
BRIAN DEFFERDING – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
TARA BERRY – CLERK OF COURTS
MILES MAQUIRE - CITIZEN

1. Call to Order

Chairman Wingren called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and it was verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

2. Consideration of Minutes of February 14, 2022 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from February 14, 2022 was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Mike Brunn. Carried 5-0.

A correction was made to change Pat O'Brien from a County Board Supervisor attendee to a Citizen attendee.

3. Public comments on agenda items

None

4. Communications shared by Committee Members

Supervisor Eisen discussed a Political Openness Award that was presented to the District Attorney's Office regarding open records charges through the Town of Omro.

5. Update – Coroner's Office – Cheryl Brehmer

Cheryl explained the loaned refrigerated trailer is still being utilized by the Coroner's Office. They have looked into several different options in order to be able to return the trailer. One option is looking

into renting their own trailer which would run around \$71,000 for 7 months or to purchase a trailer at the cost of \$121,000. A second option would be to utilize the Larry's Livery building that will be built on the east side of Appleton but transportation cost would then double for the transportation of Winnebago County deaths to and from that location. Outagamie County will also be utilizing Larry's Livery building for all of their county's deaths. The final option is looking at having a permanent space within the new Sheriff's Office Evidence Garage for a morgue. They have met with the architects about this possibility and it would be the Coroner's Office preferred option.

Supervisor Eisen asked what their preferred option would be and Cheryl stated the area attached to the Sheriff's Office Evidence Garage would be their preference as a more permanent morgue solution.

Chairman Wingren asked what the average stay of a decedent is after they are removed from a scene. Cheryl stated it depends on if they are waiting to go for an autopsy. She said the average stay for those awaiting autopsy is 5 to 9 days.

Supervisor Schorse spoke in favor of the permanent morgue being built with the new Sheriff's Office Evidence Garage and use Larry's as a temporary solution until the garage is built.

Supervisor Brunn spoke in favor of the permanent morgue and the Coroner's Office should pursue that option and continue to meet with the architects and work with the facilities department to make that happen.

6. Consideration (Vote): Accept "HS ALERT SWAT Ballistic Shields 2021" Grant in the amount of \$6500 to purchase a ballistic shield for the Sheriff's Office – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz stated the grant will be used to purchase ALERT equipment for the Sheriff's Office and other surrounding agencies to utilize during emergency situations.

A motion to approve the acceptance of a HS ALERT SWAT Ballistic Shields 2021 grant for \$6500 to purchase ballistic shields was made by Mike Brunn, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 5-0.

7.Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Matz reviewed end of the year financials.

Sheriff Matz stated they have filed a Notice to Intervene with the state regarding the placement of a 980 Offender since the state does not like the trailer option for an upcoming release of an offender.

Sheriff Matz thanked all of the board members who are leaving for their support and guidance while on this committee.

8. Suggested items for next agenda

9. Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 11, 2022

10.Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:35 am by Mike Brunn, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office